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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Stockton - Nearly 50 Arrested in Gang Crackdown

(U) An anti-gang sweep conducted on 5 December was aimed at members of some of south Stockton's most notorious criminal gangs, to include the MOB, Flyboys, East Coast Crips, Conway Gangsters, Sierra Vista Project, and Glock Team. Officers arrested 47 people on charges including conspiracy to commit murder, robbery, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and illegal weapons possession. Officers seized 35 firearms—including 10 assault rifles—in addition to cash, 34 pounds of marijuana, two pounds of methamphetamine, and two pounds of cocaine.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, CBS News

(U) Camino – Law Enforcement Discovers Large Butane Extraction Lab in El Dorado County

(U) El Dorado County Sheriff's detectives on 6 December found a large, commercial-style butane extraction lab at a residence in Camino. Following a search, police seized numerous items used in the commercial manufacturing of concentrated cannabis--such as commercial vacuum ovens, closed loop butane oil extraction system, multiple five-gallon cylinders of butane, and a commercial decanter system. Officers also seized 300 pounds of marijuana, cash, and four firearms. County hazmat was called in to assist because of the potential of explosive solvent chemicals found in the illicit lab.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, South Tahoe Now

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Creates Office on Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

(U) Washington – Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials said yesterday they will establish an office to better protect the United States from potential large-scale terrorist attacks. The newly confirmed DHS Secretary said yesterday that the goal of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office will be to "elevate and streamline DHS efforts to prevent terrorists and other national security threat actors from using harmful agents, such as chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear material and devices to harm Americans and US interests." Although DHS did not mention specific threats, US lawmakers have increasingly raised concern about the ability of would-be terrorists to arm aerial drones with explosives or other weapons.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, Washington Post

(U) Illinois – Health System Announces Data Breach, Says Risk to Patients is Low

(U) Chicago – At least two employees at the seven-member hospital system Sinai Health had their email accounts compromised in a phishing incident, potentially affecting the information of 11,350 people, according to the hospital's statement yesterday. The hospital also stated that it cannot confirm whether any patient information in the email accounts was viewed by the cyber attackers, and assessed the risk of exposure of sensitive patient information to be low. Sinai Health is notifying potentially affected patients and has partnered with an identity protection firm to offer free credit monitoring a year. SOURCE: 7 December 2017, Chicago Tribune

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(U) New Mexico - Three Dead, Including Attacker, in School Shooting

(U) Aztec – Two students were killed in a shooting at Aztec High School in Aztec, New Mexico yesterday, with no other reports of injury. The suspected shooter—whose identity has not yet been released—was also killed, according to the New Mexico State Police. Authorities did not release any more details on whether the shooter was a student or employee at the school, or an outsider. Details on how the shooter was killed were also not available. Both the FBI and state police are investigating the incident. SOURCE: 7 December 2017, Epoch Times

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) India - Police Arrest Man Over 'Love Jihad' Killing Video

(U) Rajasthan – Police recently arrested a Hindu man who allegedly hacked a Muslim man to death and set him on fire before sharing a video of the attack online. In a second video, the attacker is seen justifying the incident to "protect the honor of Hindus against Muslims." Internet services have been suspended in parts of Rajasthan state and people have been urged to stop sharing the video. Indian authorities are now working to bring the Hindu and Muslim communities together to mitigate the hateful effects of the video.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, BBC

(U) Ireland – Dissidents Planning Attacks for Hard Border Scenario

(U) Dublin – Dissident Republicans view a potential hard border in Ireland post-Brexit as an 'opportunity' to recruit extremists and plan terrorist attacks, police chiefs have warned. Northern Ireland's deputy chief constable Drew Harris said any physical infrastructure on the 310-mile crossing would become a target for violent groups, and pointed out that attacks on number plate recognition cameras near the border were already taking place.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, Telegraph

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – American SENTRI Pass Holder Admits Smuggling Narcotics

(U) Otay Mesa – A Spring Valley resident pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to smuggling approximately 25 pounds of cocaine, 13 pounds of fentanyl, 14 pounds of heroin, and more than 7,000 oxycodone through the Otay Mesa Port-of-Entry. The man was using the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Response Inspection (SENTRI) lanes, which allow expedited clearance for pre-approved travelers upon entry into the United States.

SOURCE: 7 December 2017, San Diego Reader

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